

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A noise figure-measuring device comprising;
an optical spectrum analyzing section for preparing
optical spectrum information of signal light from a light source;
and

a noise figure calculating section for calculating, based
on the optical spectrum information, a noise figure generated
by an optical amplifier, the optical amplifier for amplifying
the signal light from the light source at an appointed gain ratio,
the optical amplifier preparing an amplified light signal with
the noise figure;

wherein the optical spectrum analyzing section prepares
the optical spectrum information of the signal light from the
light source and optical spectrum information of the amplified
signal light.

2. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in
Claim 1, wherein the noise figure calculating section multiplies
the optical spectrum information of the light signal from the
light source by a coefficient to prepare multiplied optical
spectrum information; and

the noise figure calculating section subtracts the
multiplied optical spectrum information from the optical
spectrum information of the amplified signal light to prepare
a subtracted optical spectrum information.

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3. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 2, wherein the noise figure calculating section removes or masks spectrum information of an appointed wavelength region in the subtracted optical spectrum information; and

the noise figure calculating section performs a spline interpolation using a spline curve for the wavelength region.

4. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the interpolation is performed by selecting data of an predetermined number of points from all points contained in the wavelength region.

5. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 3, wherein the noise figure calculating section performs a noise removing process by a moving average process for the subtracted optical spectrum information.

6. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the optical spectrum information has been prepared from a composite light of a plurality of signal lights; and

the noise figure calculating section detects the number of composing signal lights and wavelengths, and calculates a noise figure generated by the optical amplifier for each of the

signal light detected.

7. A noise figure-measuring method comprising:
preparing optical spectrum information of appointed signal
light;

preparing optical spectrum information of amplified signal
light; and

calculating a noise figure contained in the amplified
signal light based on the optical spectrum information of the
appointed signal light and the amplified signal light.

8. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in
claim 7, wherein the noise figure calculating step multiplies
the optical spectrum information of the light signal from the
light source by a coefficient to prepare multiplied optical
spectrum information; and

the noise figure calculating step subtracts the multiplied
optical spectrum information from the optical spectrum
information of the amplified signal light to prepare a subtracted
optical spectrum information.

9. The noise figure-measuring method as set forth in
claim 8, wherein the noise figure calculating step removes or
masks spectrum information of an appointed wavelength region
in the subtracted optical spectrum information; and

the noise figure calculating step performs a spline interpolation using a spline curve for the wavelength region.

10. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the interpolation is performed by selecting data of an predetermined number of points from all points contained in the wavelength region.

11. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the noise figure calculating step performs a noise removing process by a moving average process for the subtracted optical spectrum information.

12. The noise figure-measuring device as set forth in claim 7, wherein the optical spectrum information is prepared from a composite light of a plurality of signal lights; and

the noise figure calculating step detects the number of composing signal lights and wavelengths, and calculates a noise figure generated by the optical amplifier for each of the signal light detected.

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